



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Menasha Common Council

From: Nancy McKenney, RDH, MS, Public Health Director

Date: December 15, 2014

RE: Menasha Health Department Staff Approved for Training at the
Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Dept. of Homeland Security,
Center for Domestic Preparedness

The Center for Domestic Preparedness mission is to train emergency response providers from state, local, and tribal governments, as well as the Federal government, foreign governments, and private entities, as available. The scope of training includes preparedness, protection, and response. Training is held in Anniston, Alabama.

Three health department staff volunteered to apply for the training. We received news that all three staff members (Loretta Kjemhus, RDH, Vicki Schultz, PHN and Kortney Dahm, PHN) are approved to attend a week-long session from March 15-21, 2015. The remaining staff agreed to provide coverage during this timeframe. All expenses will be paid by Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Dept. of Homeland Security, Center for Domestic Preparedness.

Loretta Kjemhus and Vicki Schulz currently lead City of Menasha Health Department Public Health Preparedness Program. We are pleased to send three staff for the following reasons:

- 1) We need to continuously engage in succession planning.
- 2) We need to build emergency preparedness and response capacity. MHD needs to be three-deep in emergency preparedness and response.
- 3) This actively promotes professional development of staff.

Courses include:

**Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Incidents
(HCL) 32 hours**

Exercise-based course taught in the nation's only hospital training facility and designed to assist healthcare professionals in generating appropriate decisions in response to a mass-casualty Incident.

**Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT)
24 hours**

Prepares healthcare personnel to conduct a safe and effective emergency medical response to a mass-casualty incident.